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The Banner.

L. HARPER, Editor and Proprietor

Official Paper of the County.

MOUNT VERNON, OHIO:

THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 19, 1889.

McKINLEY's boom for Governor started by the Columbus Journal, died a born.

The claims of Congressmen against Silcott are to be referred to the Court of Claims.

In the American colony in Canada could vote, the Republicans would have an overwhelming majority.

Mrs. CAMPBELL, wife of Governor-elect Campbell, who was seriously ill a week ago, is now rapidly recovering.

Congress will probably adjourn tomorrow for the holidays; indeed many of the members have already gone home.

Notwithstanding Silcott's larceny, there is still over \$123,000,000 of gold coin lying idle in Uncle Sam's big treasury in New York.

In Ben Harrison is a candidate for President against Grover Cleveland in 1892 he will be beaten as badly as Martin Van Buren was in 1840.

Many Congressmen have been compelled to draw checks upon their home bank account since cashier Silcott skedaddled with their month's pay.

A bill to give each Congressman a clerk will soon be introduced in the House. This is another Republican scheme to "get rid of the surplus."

The Supreme Court of Georgia has decided that Saturday closes and Sunday begins according to sun time and not to railroad standard time. Sensible.

The Philadelphia Record says: Ingalls wants pensions for the indigent parents of deceased soldiers. Why cut off the sisters and the cousins and the aunts?

Thanks to Dr. C. A. Miller, the official Superintendent of Longview Asylum, for copies of the Thirtieth Annual Report of that well-managed institution.

The country will be pleased to hear that Hon. Samuel J. Randall's health is rapidly improving, and that he will soon be able to take his seat in Congress.

Editor D. D. Lampton, brother of the Republican candidate for Lieutenant Governor, expresses the belief that Mr. Marquis will win in the contested election case.

Senator Buchanan of Tennessee is county, who has been an invalid for some time, is recovering, and will be able to take his seat when the Legislature convenes.

Congress, it is said, will authorize a reward of \$5,000 for the capture of Silcott, the thief. Make it \$100,000 and Silcott may bob up serenely on Pennsylvania Avenue.

There is some talk in Washington about hearing Foraker's political wounds by sending him out of the country—there being a vacancy in the Russian mission.

There is some talk at Washington of increasing the number of Judges of the United States Supreme Court from nine to eleven. This is a new scheme to "reduce the surplus."

President Harrison's speech at the opening of the Chicago Auditorium, was a weak affair as compared with ex-President Cleveland's address before the business men of Boston.

New Carlisle, Clark county, was visited by a destructive conflagration early on Sunday morning, which wiped out the central portion of the town. The total loss exceeds \$30,000.

Oil has been found on the Krug farm, three miles east of Chillicothe, where a gas well is being sunk. The flow of oil is estimated at 200 barrels a day. Great excitement prevails.

Gov.-elect CAMPBELL has received an invitation to attend the Chamber of Commerce banquet at Atlanta, Ga., January 16, and replies that he hopes to arrange his affairs as to be present.

Hon. N. R. HYSSELL, Representative from Perry county, and Hon. Jesse B. Forbes, of Coshocton county, appear to be the most conspicuous candidates for Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives.

Silcott's whereabouts are a profound mystery, as he neglected to tell his most intimate friends where he was going. He is probably in company with that other mysterious absentee, Tascott, of Chicago.

If a "millionaire" Republican was after the Senatorship in Ohio, not a word of complaint would be found in a Republican paper. "Millionaire" Foster tried to buy the Legislature, but he signally failed.

Learning that Foraker is going to Europe when his term as governor is out, the Canton News-Democrat argues from the eternal fitness of things that he will visit "this kindred soil in distress, Gen. Boulanger."

Congressman Caldwell, of Cincinnati, is now implicated in the ballot-box forgery—the charge being made that he was in a plot to boost Foraker into the presidency, destroy Sherman, and himself take the Senatorship.

John H. Thomas, Col. Calvin Brice, John A. McMahon, Judge Seney, and all the other Senatorial aspirants, declare that they are well satisfied with their prospects. This is certainly a most happy state of affairs.

The Board appointed to examine the river at Detroit, has reported in favor of the feasibility of constructing a bridge over the same, connecting Canada with Michigan, to be at least 140 feet above the low water mark.

George Davis, a school teacher, 31 years of age, and weighing 140 pounds, living near Hillsdale, Ohio, was married to Mrs. Catherine A. Mook, aged 72, who tips the beam at 220 pounds. This was truly a "mook" marriage.

In a private letter from a Republican friend in one of the large cities of "I," occurs this significant paragraph: "I have no doubt the Democrats will elect the next President. My opinion now is, that Cleveland will be the man."

The Car of Russia, it is said, will not recognize the new Republic of Brazil. This is a question of time when all the rotten monarchies of Europe will crumble in the dust.

The Wyandot Union interviewed an old mossback on the Senatorial question, who lived half his life in Richmond county. "I am in favor of sending a poor man to the Senate—one like John Sherman, who can pollywoggle himself rich in a short time."

When John went to Congress he was poor as a church mouse, now John is worth more than either Brice or Thomas—all on a salary of \$5,000 a year. Give the poor man a chance, and if he doesn't become a millionaire, he's no relation to John Sherman."

This funeral of Jefferson Davis, at New Orleans, surpassed anything of the kind ever witnessed in the South. Business was entirely suspended throughout the city, and every business house and private residence, even to the humblest tenement, was draped in mourning. Thousands of people joined in the procession to the cemetery, and the streets along the line of march were jammed with people. This shows that Davis held a high place in the hearts of the people of the South.

A gang of thieves, who have been stealing goods from the freight trains of the New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio Railroad, have been arrested at Urbana, and most of the stolen goods recovered. The thieves were employees of the road, and one of them, named Jesse E. Clarke, of Dayton, who was unable to give bond, made a complete confession, and gave the names of his confederates as well as the parties who received the stolen goods, which were valued at \$10,000.

When the Republican organs excused George R. Topp's obliquities on the ground that he was crazy they lied by telling only part of the truth, as they usually do when they bother themselves at all about the truth. The Cincinnati Times-Star lets out the hitherto suppressed part of the truth, which makes the case as clear as day. "A man who knew him well," tells the Times-Star that "Geo. Topp was crazy to be rich."

Rev. Dr. RYLAND, rector of St. Mark's Protestant Episcopal church, New York, who is charged with immorality, has returned from his extended European trip, and resumed his pulpit on Sunday. There was no disturbance in the church, as was anticipated, as the men who threatened to raise a row and leave, kept quiet. The Rev. gentleman has a suit for slander against several of his parishioners.

The trial of Jake Kilrain for engaging in a prize fight with John Sullivan, took place at Purvis, Mississippi, on Saturday. The jury found that Kilrain was not guilty of prize-fighting, but guilty of assault and battery, whereupon he was fined \$200 and sentenced to two months' imprisonment in the county jail. The case was speedily appealed and Kilrain admitted to bail in the sum of \$1,000.

Chicago having agreed upon an extensive system of sewerage and water supply, that will cost from \$15,000,000 to \$30,000,000, an election for nine Commissioners who will have the disbursement of the money took place on last Thursday. Six men on the Citizens' ticket, and three on the Democratic ticket were elected. The regular Republican ticket was snowed under.

Mrs. GARRETT, who was sentenced to the penitentiary for life for murder in Medina county, took her infant babe with her, that was born in the Medina jail. Last week the baby was released from prison, but Mr. Garrett, who has secured a divorce, repudiated the parentage of the child, and it was taken to the Medina county infirmary.

A crisis is reached in Montana. The thirty days limit has expired and the Senators must be in their seats or a new election will be ordered. If it had been, Democrats refuse to surrender their rights at the bidding from Washington via the son and his boon manipulators, and Republicans, with official backing, are defiant and unscrupulous.

Should Calvin S. Brice be elected to the United States Senate, it will be the first time a Union soldier ever filled a seat in that body. James A. Garfield was the only other soldier ever elected to the Senate, but he never took for himself the name of Union soldier.

The United States before his term of office as Senator began.—Newark Advocate.

FRANKLIN B. GOWEN, a well-known railroad officer and lawyer, of Pennsylvania, who was elected to the Senate, was a case before the Interstate Commerce Commission, committed suicide by shooting himself in his room at Wormley's hotel on Saturday. No cause is assigned for the act. Mr. Gowen was considered wealthy.

There is a red-hot contest for the Zanesville post-office now progressing. The applicants are John N. Green, deputy clerk of the court and D. J. Richards, business manager of the Times-Recorder, one of the rival Republican organs. As Green is backed by Sherman's friends, he will probably get the place.

The late Victor of Potheringham, England, in his passage through the bankruptcy court, acknowledged that he had striven to redeem his fortunes by backing a horse or two; but he had had no luck. That was just the trouble with him. He was not a gambler, but a "bob-tailed nag," that always came out behind.

W. W. DUDLEY, of "blocks-off-five" notoriety, was in Indianapolis last week, for the first time since the election, when an affidavit was made by a citizen and a warrant issued for his arrest, but the Republican district attorney, under orders that it should not be served. This is a mockery upon justice.

Hon. BEN. BUTTERWORTH, against which it is now said, the ballot-box forgery was first aimed, introduced a joint resolution in Congress last Thursday providing for a full investigation, and it passed without a dissent. We will probably now get the bottom facts in regard to this rascally business.

There is a report that Senator Sherman and Amor Smith, the "messenger" who carried the forged document from Gov. Foraker to "Senator" Halstead, have "made up." We cannot believe that Sherman is so far lost in self-love as to "kiss the hand that smote him."

When Cashier Silcott lost large sums of money on horse races, he bought \$50 tickets in the Louisiana lottery, hoping to make good his losses, but his drawings were blanks, and when he was told he would be "extrajured" there for this he will be "extrajured" when found.

CHAS. SELNER, proprietor of the Toledo Sunday Herald, has been indicted and is now in jail, charged with forgery—his principal victim being J. H. Bates, a New York advertising agent.

Old Federalism Revived.

Senator Sherman's proposition for Congress to control and regulate elections in the States is but a fresh outburst of old Federalism, which is contrary to the letter and spirit of the Constitution and the teachings of the Democratic fathers, and is a usurpation of power that was never delegated to the National government by the States. Congress derives its authority to legislate solely from the Federal Constitution, and the right to regulate and control elections was one of the powers not delegated, but reserved to the States and to the people. This is the true Democratic doctrine, and any attempt to annul and destroy it will be a gross usurpation of power that will bring defeat to the party that undertakes to bring about such a change.

At the close of the late civil war the dominant party endeavored to promulgate the idea that this was a Nation with a big N, and not a Republic or a Union of the States, and that all State rights previously existing and recognized were wiped out of existence. But the Democratic doctrine then was and still is, that when the rebellion was put down the autonomy of the States, or the right of self-government, remained with the people as before the "unpleasantness" began. Many of the wisest statesmen and most intellectual men in the Republican party at that time indorsed and maintained this Democratic doctrine, notably Horace Greeley, who, owing to his sound views on that subject, became the Democratic standard-bearer for President; but he was defeated not because of the soundness of the platform on which he stood, but solely for the reason that a great body of the old-line Democrats of the country could not forget Greeley's bitter utterances against their party in former years, and declined to vote for him.

These are facts and a part of the history of the country. The attempt now to take from the States the powers they never relinquished, should not and we hope will not succeed. Mr. Sherman's proposition should meet with overwhelming defeat.

Brice Leads for Senator.

The Ashland Press gives the names of ninety-six Democrats of Ashland county, who were interviewed by the editor in regard to their choice for U. S. Senator, with the following result:

Calvin S. Brice.....66
John H. Thomas.....15
D. D. Harter.....4
L. E. Yarnall.....3
Brice or Thomas.....5
Any good man.....3
McMahon or Thomas.....3

The Cadiz Sentinel interviewed 34 Democrats of Harrison county relative to their choice for Senator, when 30-1 declared themselves for Colonel Brice.

Cronin's Murderers.

The long and exciting trial of the murderers of Dr. Cronin, at Chicago, has at last come to a close, and resulted in the jury, on Monday, finding Coughlin, Burke, O'Sullivan and Kunze guilty and Culver not guilty. The first three were sentenced to the penitentiary for life, while Kunze was sent up for three years.

Mr. Forest, attorney for the defense at once made a motion for a new trial.

The result of this exciting trial is a great disappointment to the country. The prisoners were either guilty of murder and should have been hung, or were innocent and should have been acquitted. But the "intelligent jury-men," these latter days, is a queer animal, and deserves a place in a dime museum.

The New York correspondent of the Cincinnati Enquirer writes:

I met Mr. J. W. Shuckers in Broadway. He was the private secretary and stenographer of the late Chief Justice Salmon P. Chase. He has the genius of invention, and has made three different types of typewriters and a type-casting machine. The latter has been thrown in interference by the Patent Office in an important principle of the machine that are used in the Tribune and some other newspaper offices. Mr. Shuckers was in New York to attend the taking of testimony in the case.

Mr. Shuckers was one of the numerous editors of the Mt. Vernon Republican, over thirty years ago, and however well he succeeded as the biographer of Secretary Chase, and the manipulator of type-casting machines, he never displayed any remarkable ability as an editor, and probably not one man out of an hundred in Knox county to-day will remember that such a person ever lived in Mt. Vernon.

Close Gubernatorial Votes.

Close votes in gubernatorial contests in this State have not been an unusual occurrence, as the following list will show:

1848—Ford over Weller.....364
1850—McArthur over Lucas.....482
1873—Allen over Noyes.....317
1844—Bartley over Tod.....1,271
1867—Meigs over Masie.....1,303
1857—Chase over Payne.....1,308
1868—Huntinton over Worthington.....1,892
1842—Shannon over Corwin.....1,872
1828—Trimble over Campbell.....2,019
1810—Morgan over Worthington.....2,198
1834—Lucas over Findlay.....2,286
1846—Bebb over Tod.....2,385
1824—Morrow over Trimble.....2,418
1810—Morrow over Trimble.....2,418
1824—Morrow over Trimble.....3,100
1812—Meigs over Scott.....3,556
1875—Hays over Allen.....4,544

The indications are that the Republicans are preparing to back water on the tariff question, and take the Democratic side in favor of less "protection" taxation. Senator Ingalls of Kansas, in a late interview in Washington, is reported to have said: "I want to see the tariff reduced to a degree that the revenues of the country will only meet the expenses. I wish to see the tax on whisky and tobacco continued, because they are unnecessary luxuries, and because every dollar raised upon them relieves the tax on necessities of life to that extent." If a Democrat had uttered these sentiments he would be denounced as a "free-trader," a friend of European "pauper labor," and an "enemy of American industry."

The indications are that a great number of school book bills will be introduced at the coming session of the Legislature; and as usual, Van Antwerp, Bragg Co. will have their army of lobbyists in Columbus to "sugar" the members. We hope this Democratic Legislature will show a little more independence than did its Republican predecessors in regard to Book Rights. Time will tell.

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., was visited by another flood on Saturday evening, and the Conemaugh river and Stony creek overflowed their banks, doing an immense amount of damage. Several of the temporary bridges were swept away. Fortunately no lives were lost this time.

Grover Cleveland Honored at Boston's Great Banquet.

Over 400 of the solid men of Boston, composing the Merchant's Association, held their annual banquet at the Hotel Vendome last Thursday evening. After a reception from 6 to 6 to the distinguished guests, the supper was announced by Hon. Jonathan A. Lamb, president of the association, presided. Occupying seats of honor near him were Ex-President Cleveland, Henry W. Grady, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, Gov. Oliver Ames, Andrew Carnegie and other distinguished gentlemen. Gov. Ames welcomed the guests in a noble address, in the course of which, turning to Mr. Cleveland, he said: "If wicked Democrats speak as well of me when I retire from office as Republicans now do of you I shall be abundantly satisfied."

President Lamb then, in very few words, introduced ex-President Cleveland as one, who, strong in his personality, would speak strong words, which would be heard all over the land and across the seas, in behalf of pure politics and honest reforms, which are now sweeping all parties before them. Mr. Cleveland was received with long-continued applause, shouts and cheers, the entire assemblage rising and waving handkerchiefs and cheering again. Mr. Cleveland spoke in a strong, well-modulated voice and was easily heard by all.

Mr. Cleveland's address aroused great enthusiasm and his points were frequently greeted with cries of "Good" and applause.

Mr. Grady's subject was the "Race Problem of the South," which was received with great applause and frequent cries of "good," "true," etc. And when in the peroration he described the affection of the intelligent southern white for the colored members of their homes, their colored nurses and house-servants, illustrating the same by pathetic scenes on the battlefields and at the graveside, there were many moist eyes in the room. He closed amid loud applause and cheers.

Mr. Andrew Carnegie was then introduced. Prior to entering upon the discussion of his topic, he paid a high compliment to Mr. Cleveland as one whom history would declare to be a great duty, and who possessed the respect of the entire country, regardless of party. He said Mr. Cleveland had demonstrated an answer to a question of his own asking, "What to do with ex-presidents." He had shown that one good thing to do with them was to invite them to all banquets, and in this connection the question occurred to him, "Why not run him again?" To this there was a storm of applause, with cries of "Good," "That's so," and renewed cheering.

This demonstration of the solid men of Boston, entirely outside of the politicians, clearly shows that Grover Cleveland has a warm place in the hearts and affections of his countrymen, without regard to party. The men of the times are clear and unmistakable to be what he is the nominee of the Democratic party for President in 1892, and that he will sweep the country like a tornado.

The following brief editorial heads the editorial column of the Mt. Vernon Banner this week:

"Thirty-six years ago this week the writer took charge of the Democratic Banner."

These three quoted lines epitomize a vast amount of valuable and honorable history. A history that has been characterized by useful service to party, to humanity and to country, and by strict devotion to duty and to right. In those thirty-six years Hon. Lecky Harper has made the BANNER one of the best newspapers in the country. Here is success both to him and to it and may they both live long and prosper.—Newark Advocate.

The trial of James H. Radloff, a school-teacher, for the murder of his brother-in-law, Lewis D. Cottrell, another school-teacher, has commenced at Pomfret, United States Senator Voorhees presiding. The case is of great importance, and Mr. F. C. Russell appears for the defendant, and C. H. Grosvenor and Prosecutor Lecky for the State. The case is exciting more interest than any trial ever held in Meigs county. Many people from a distance are unable to secure lodging at the hotels and are buying blankets and will sleep in the Court House and ivery stables.

Some doubt is expressed in regard to the confirmation of the appointment of Judge Brewer to a seat on the Supreme Court bench, as it is charged that he played any remarkable ability as an editor, and probably not one man out of an hundred in Knox county to-day will remember that such a person ever lived in Mt. Vernon.

President Cleveland, in his Boston speech, denounced in strong language, the "blocks-off-five" method of carrying elections. He said: "We need not stifle our scorn and contempt for the wretch who sells his vote and who for a bribe betrays his citizenship." This sentiment was loudly applauded, which implies that corrupt political methods have had their day.

The indications are that Col. W. A. Taylor, the well-known Democratic journalist, who did effective political work during the late campaign, will be the chief clerk of the Ohio Senate.

Work richly deserves the place, and he will certainly make an efficient, popular and accommodating officer.

Foraker says he is ready to testify against Wood at any time and place he may be wanted. Per contra, Woods says he is ready to testify against Foraker when called upon. When the pump is applied to these worthies, something interesting may be brought out.

Hon. JAMES E. CAMPBELL, Governor-elect, in a letter to Senator Gaumer of Zanesville, declares that under no circumstances that might possibly arise he will be a candidate for United States Senator, nor would he accept an election if tendered him by the Legislature.

Two weeks from next Saturday night the Democrats of the House of Representatives will hold a caucus in Columbus and on the Tuesday evening following the Senators will hold a caucus to determine their choice for U. S. Senator. "May the best man win."

GENERAL BOULANGER proposes to visit the United States in January and deliver a series of lectures, thirty in number. At the expense of giving the French exile a free advertisement, we announce his coming \$700 per night, and no discount off to the trade.

ALEX. W. THURMAN has leased for Governor-elect Campbell the Alfred Kelly property on Broad street, Columbus, for his place of residence. He is a fine old mansion, and will accommodate a pretty large family.

EDITORIAL REVIEWS.

The Tyler Tube Works Company of Boston will remove their plant to Little Washington, Pa.

A son of ex-Sheriff Horn of Columbus denies that his father eloped with his mother's cousin.

Sergeant-at-Arms Leedom's bondsmen deny that his bond was only good for the 50th Congress.

Carter Wilkinson was hanged in the jail at Plaquemine, La., Friday, for the brutal murder of his wife.

Joseph G. Dismun, president of the Quaker City Bank, Philadelphia, is still mysteriously missing.

Ex-Sergeant-at-Arms Leedom denies that he knew of Silcott's forgeries of the names of Congressmen.

Those overhead electric wires in New York are sending people into the unknown world every day.

Mr. Harrison's new cook is a colored lady named Della Johnson from the Blue Grass hotel in Kentucky.

Fourteen cases of throat disease of a diaphanous nature, are reported at the Children's Home at Xenia.

The Jeromeville, (Ashland county) post-office finally furnished a thief with \$500 worth of postage stamps.

Major Luther Donaldson, a wealthy and public spirited citizen of Columbus died early on Sunday morning.

There is an epidemic of influenza in Madrid, and many senators and deputies are affected with the disease.

W. H. Barnes of Philadelphia succeeds William Thaw of Pittsburgh in the Pennsylvania railroad director.

There will be a total eclipse of the sun on next Sunday, but it will not be seen in this section of the country.

Aurora Forest, in the Cronin murder trial, at Chicago, talked in behalf of the defendants for three long days.

Three glycerine magazines at North Clarendon, Pa., exploded on Sunday morning. Loss estimated at \$100,000.

Senator Voorhees of Indiana, is defending Radloff, at Pomfret, charged with the murder of his brother-in-law.

The Senate has confirmed the appointment of Green B. Raim of Illinois to be Commissioner of Pensions.

Robert Browning, the celebrated English poet, died in London on last Thursday night, aged 77 years.

Oliver Johnson, once a noted abolitionist in this country, died in New York, Dec. 11, aged nearly 80 years.

Rev. J. M. Harris, pastor of the M. E. Church at Upper Branch, Ohio, was under trial, charged with immoral conduct.

An artillery officer and a sailor have been arrested at St. Petersburg for complicity in an attempt on the life of the Czar.

Emperor William has conferred upon Enlin Pasha, commander of the second class order of the crown with the star.

Rev. Wm. F. Pettit, a Methodist preacher of Lafayette, Ind., is under \$10,000 bail, charged with poisoning his wife.

Farmer A. C. Allen of Clark county, Ohio, was seriously shot by James Condon, a hunter, whom he ordered off his premises.

An old man seventy-two years of age is accused, at New York, of criminally assaulting young girls, whom he enticed to his office.

Jacob Cross of Harrison township, Pickaway county, celebrated his tenth birthday on the 12th. He is still hale and hearty.

Shirking Juigo, the Japanese murderer, will die by the lightning flash, in New York, during the first week in February.

The American legation at Constantinople has decided to demand the trial of Moussa Bey for the murder of a missionary.

A sneezing epidemic is prevailing in the capital cities of Europe. No cause can be assigned or remedy discovered for it.

Wm. Means of Cincinnati, who was mixed up with the wreck of the Metropolitan Bank, has become a mental and physical wreck.

Mr. Vesuvius is in a state of eruption, and Naples is filled with sight-seers, to the great delight of shop keepers.

Mrs. Margaret Medill, mother of Hon. Joseph Medill, editor of the Chicago Tribune, died at Canton on Sunday, of dropsy.

A freight train on the Wabash railway collided with a flat car, near Graham, Mo., killing the engineer, conductor and brakeman.

The crops in Michigan are reported to show an improved condition, viz: In Southern counties 67, Central 71 and Northern 82 per cent.

Joseph R. Hargrah has been appointed U. S. Marshal for the Western District of Pennsylvania. He was Boss Quay's man, of course.

E. J. Hartshorn of Iowa, has been appointed to succeed the new Sergeant-at-Arms, to succeed Silcott, who ran off with the members' pay.

It is said that Jefferson Davis' grave is guarded night and day by a detail of police, and the vigils will be kept up for at least four months.

Mrs. Southworth, who shot her betrayer, Pettus, in New York is very low, and will probably die in prison before her trial can take place.

While firing a salute in honor of Davis' memory, at Columbus, S. C., last Wednesday, cannon exploded, seriously injuring several persons.

The epidemic of diphtheria and scarlet fever has abated at the Soldiers' Orphan Home at Xenia, and the patients are all convalescing.

The crops in central Germany caused the entire suspension of traffic and business at a standstill. Serious losses will result to all classes.

Two wooster girls, Hattie Lang and Minnie Snyder, aged 16 years each, have been sentenced to the penitentiary for two years for burglary.

Anderson Hyatt, a wealthy citizen of Winchester, Ohio, was attending at the supper table last evening, and choked to death on a piece of meat.

A destructive cyclone visited Cambridge City, Ia., and vicinity, on last Wednesday evening, and quite a number of farmers were serious losses.

Bellefontaine's new water-works have gone into operation, and give unbounded satisfaction. The supply comes from two artesian wells near the town.

Lawrence Dundas, third Earl of Zetland, who was recently appointed Viceroy of Ireland, has entered upon the duties of his office at Dublin.

A destructive wind and rain storm passed over Westernland county, Pa., last Wednesday, blowing down and unroofing houses, uprooting trees, etc.

Mrs. Augustin and daughter, aged 17 and two sons, aged 6 and 4, were drowned by the breaking of ice on the Milwaukee river at Sankville, Wisconsin.

Harris Cohen, a large clothing merchant of Baxter street, New York, lost some \$80,000 or \$100,000 by betting at the Casino of England, and has closed his shutters.

All the other works of Wolburn, Mass., save one, are shut down and a dozen employers and 1,500 men are

facing each other with differences between.

Miss Suckles of New York, who recently eloped with and married a bartender named Thomas Denham, is not a daughter but a half-sister of the late Gen. Suckles.

The United Grand Jury at Toledo, has found indictments against Ex-Cashier Vanhooken and McKee, the teller of the Toledo National Bank for embezzlement.

The steple of the M. E. Church at Upper Sandusky, was blown down during a thunder storm last Wednesday night, while a prayer meeting was progressing. No persons injured.

Eleven of Kettle Jack's band of thieves and cut-throats have been lynched by the exasperated settlers of Big Horn, Bism., W. T., the rest of them driven out of the country.

The case of postmaster Shopley of Massillon, against William J. Oberlin, for \$5,000 damages for defamation of character, has been settled, Oberlin having signed a retraction and paying all the costs.

The Better He Liked Him.

Ex-Senator James B. Jamison, of Cadiz, says: "When Brice was first talked of, I did not favor him. When I read in the Ohio State Journal what kind of a Democrat he was during the war, I commenced to think he had some pretty good stuff in him, and had all the necessary qualifications for the place. When I read that about him I found that he was fully abreast with his party on a tariff reform, and on all public questions was a thorough, aggressive Democrat, courageous and true to the party. The more I read of him the better I liked him. He has shown himself to be a bright and talented man, and a man of great executive ability. Should he be elected to the Senate, it is my opinion that the Ohio Democracy would have made no mistake."

HALF a dozen local politicians in Cleveland, who are said to be the creators of the Standard Oil Company, are making themselves ridiculous by fulminating their "wealth and cabbage" against Colonel Calvin S. Brice, one of the Democratic candidates for U. S. Senator. THE BANNER is not the champion of Col. Brice or any other candidate, but it does not believe it is wise for professing Democrats to relapse the contemptible falsehoods of the Cleveland Leader and send them out to "fringe the soil" of Democracy. All such political methods only work injury to the men who engage in them.

The Banner.

No 5 Kromlin, Monument Square.

TELEPHONE CONNECTION.

MOUNT VERNON, OHIO, DEC. 19, 1898.

LOCAL BRIEVES.

The petit jury was discharged by Judge McElroy, Monday.

Stanley Miller has been granted an increase of pension.

Messrs. J. & D. Rosenthal have a new ad. in to-day's BANNER.

The public schools close to-morrow for the Christmas vacation.

The Ohio State Grange was in session at Springfield last week.

The State board of school examiners meets at Columbus next Saturday.

Till-tappers secured about \$15 at the saloon of M. J. Davis, Sunday night.

James Blanton, a very young youth was taken to the Reform Farm Saturday.

Mr. Nathan Parsons, a prominent citizen of Danville, is reported to be dangerously ill.

Rev. Sydney Strong has been elected a member of the city board of school examiners.

A flagstaff is to be erected on the Union school building from which to float the stars and stripes.

Mr. W. T. Jupiter, the colored janitor of the court house has received a notary's commission.

The Pope Mfg. Co., of Boston, has our thanks for a very unique and handy desk calendar for 1899.

The erection of the rigging for the new gas well to be drilled west of the city was commenced Monday.

The Christmas number of the New York Dramatic Mirror is a perfect gem of the typographer's art and artist's pen.

The electric street railway at Newark is being completed to the B. & O. depot.

The first car was unloaded last Thursday.

The Standard Theatre company is playing at crowded houses at the Opera House, this week and giving good satisfaction.

Dr. W. H. Scott, President of the State University at Columbus, preached in the M. E. church last Sunday, morning and evening.

Cash Sapp, who had his left arm badly crushed while "breaking" on the C. & A. & C. was able to be out on the streets this week.

Several of the churches are preparing interesting Christmas exercises for next week, but the programs have not been completed yet.

Dr. C. M. Murphy of the Union Veteran Legion is at Fort Wayne this week, whither he went to institute a new campment of that order.

Charles Boyer in "Check" played to a fair-sized house Saturday and presented a most enjoyable entertainment. He is a very clever comedian.

John Barrett, employed at C. & G. Cooper's workbench, suffered a fall on his foot yesterday morning, by a piece of machinery falling upon it.

The State Food Commissioner is after the millers who adulterate buckwheat flour, and threatens them with prosecution to the fullest extent of the law.

The Christmas vacation at Kenyon College commenced Tuesday, and that of the Military Academy and Harcourt Seminary begins to-day.

A man in Holmes county was indicted last week by the Grand Jury at Millersburg, for hunting a hare, a hare, even contrary to notice and without permission.

Dr. W. F. Sempke received a telegram Monday announcing the death of his aged father at Steubenville, the result of injuries sustained by a fall, as noted in the last BANNER.

Uncle John Logsdon now in his 83d year, having been a sufferer from paralysis for nearly a year, was on Friday taken to St. Francis Hospital, Columbus, for treatment.

Bishop Kendrick of New Mexico, held services in the Church of Holy Spirit, Grand Sunday morning, and in the evening preached in St. Paul's Episcopal church this city.

Mr. Samuel Ewart, jr., has purchased the Hadley property on Vine street from the executor of the late John Hadley, for \$2,300 for the west lot, and \$3,300 for the east lot.

Elzy Weaver, a 13 year old boy, fooled with a broken but loaded revolver at Mansfield, with the usual result. A ball even bedded in his body near the stomach and he will have a hard pull.

Since Monday natural gas has been used under the boilers at the Power House, and the most satisfactory results have been obtained. The supply of gas was so abundant that it was not found necessary to use coal.

Jay Burgess, formerly of Milford, was in town Monday. He is now in the engagements on the variety stage as a female impersonator of Irish characters and is known in the professional world as "Dannie Mann."

Henry Hartman, of Mansfield, aged 65 years, committed suicide by hanging himself in an unoccupied room in his house on Sunday evening. He was dependent on the course of sickness. He leaves a wife and six children.

A colored man giving the name of Walter Holmes was locked up in Newark Thursday morning charged with a most heinous crime—that of killing a child. The plaintiff, Mrs. Janet Dillon, seeks separation from her husband, Dr. Josiah Dillon, a well-known practitioner of that city, on the grounds of habitual drunkenness and cruelty.

Our exchanges from all parts of the country complain of the awful condition of the streets and roads, brought about by the almost continuous rains of the past six months. It is said that the water has even fallen out of the gravel roads in Delaware and Union counties.

Mrs. Andrew Grant, the widow who cut her throat one month ago but recovered, leaped from the east side of the Columbus bridge at Oxford and was drowned. She was about eighty-one years of age. Her son Abram, a business man, killed himself about five years ago.

The prospectus of the Cincinnati Enquirer will be found on the 4th page of today's BANNER. The Enquirer is one of the greatest and most enterprising newspapers in this country and spares neither trouble or expense in keeping to the front in progressive journalism.

The Ohio supreme court has just rendered a decision to the effect that a railroad company cannot refuse to honor its tickets, even if they have passed through the hands of the so-called scalper. Most of the roads of the country have adopted the rule of refusing to recognize the validity of such tickets.

The devotion of the Forty Hours commenced in the St. Francis de Sales church, Sunday, Feast of the Immaculate Conception, and closed on Tuesday. Father Hayes was assisted by Father Gannon, the Canon, Cash, of Dresden and Mulhane of Mt. Vernon. About 800 confessions were heard.

Catholic Confession.

A dispatch from Wooster, Dec. 13, says Senator-elect John Sherman has lost by the incendiary burning of the barn on his farm south of Wooster, riches \$10,000, including twenty-four head of cattle, eight hogs and farming implements. Insured in the Ohio Farmers' for \$7,000.

"Old Probs" is a miserable story teller. For instance, on Thursday last he announced that a "cold wave" was regular blizzard, coming from the northeast, and would reach these parts on Friday; when, in point of fact, the temperature of that day greatly resembled the "eternal mildness of Georgia."

Forrest Miller and Henry M. Moore, farmers of Delaware county, made assignments Thursday. Their embarrassment is due to the failure of Swan Miller, a carriage manufacturer last week. Rumors are afloat that two other parties will also be swamped by Miller's assignment.

QUESTIONABLE METHODS.

Knox County Agricultural Society.—A contest was made Saturday last was the time fixed for the annual meeting of the Knox County Agricultural Society and the election of a new Board of Directors. Under the call of Secretary Grant the meeting took place at the office of Superintendent of Water Works C. W. Koons, in the Kirk block, between the hours of 1 and 3 p. m. Under the rules of the Society any person by the payment of one dollar, and becoming a member of the Society, and is entitled to cast a vote for the Board of Directors. Two tickets were in the field—one composed of the old members of the Board and the other of young blood, who believe in progressive methods any was known as the "Enterpriser ticket." Altogether there were 57 men who paid their dollar and registered their ballots. The two tickets presented were composed as follows:

Regular-Brown township, David L. Nyhart; Clinton, Russell J. Ash, Collin W. Koons, Perry Mills; Harrison, James O. McCarty; Jackson, E. A. Harris; Jefferson, C. E. Banbury; Middlebury, William C. Miller, and John Wilson; Liberty, Henry Peeler; Morgan, H. McLean; Pike, G. W. McGinley; Union, Clinton M. Rice; Wayne, L. D. Wright.

Enterpriser ticket—Brown township—Alfred Rice; Clinton, Henry Allen, James Israel, Collin W. Koons; Harrison, Charles H. McKee; Howard, Daniel F. McGugin; Jackson, Daniel Nichols; Jefferson, Charles E. Rice; Middlebury, Zedekiah Zedekiah; Morgan, Geo. S. Hamilton; Pike, John Calvin Love; Union, Dr. R. Putnam; Wayne, Alexander Sullivan.

When the ballots were counted it was found that the Enterpriser ticket had received 67 out of 80 votes cast or a majority of 47. According to the rules this result was not declared and the Regulars, in a most irregular manner, proceeded to organize the Board with the assistance of the "Holdovers." The present messrs. Messrs. Lewis Litzinger, D. L. McGugin, Edward Jackson, Josiah Boner, D. R. Kerr, W. F. E. C. Rice, and John Wilson, (a honorary member) John C. Levering, the old President, announced that Messrs. Rice, Allen, Zedekiah, Botenfield, Putnam and Sullivan had not paid their fees and were therefore ineligible. The Enterpriser ticket, however, W. Koons at once tendered a check covering the amount, but it was refused. 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